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CLOTH CONSUMPTION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total cloth consumption in the country annually during each of the last three years;

(b) the factors that determine cloth consumption; and

(c) the steps taken to promote textile industry, particularly the handloom sector ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) The consumption of cloth produced in mill, handloom, powerloom, hosiery, khadi, wool & silk sector is given below:

Apparent consumption of cloth
(Mn. Sq.Mtr.)

Item	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
(a) Production of cloth	42383	45378	49577
(b) Import of cloth	501	523	745
(c) Export of cloth	1779	1695	1719
Consumption of cloth (a+b-c)	41105	44206	48603

(b) Availability of material, price, consumer preference etc. are the main factors which determine the cloth consumption.

(c) To enhance production, productivity and efficiency of the Handloom Sector and to enhance the income and socio-economic status of the weavers by upgrading their skills and providing infrastructural input and marketing support, the main developmental schemes implemented during the X Plan Period were Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Weavers' Welfare Scheme, Handloom Export Scheme, Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (IHCD), Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojna, Health Insurance Scheme, Handloom Mark and Technology Upgradation Fund (TUF) Scheme etc.